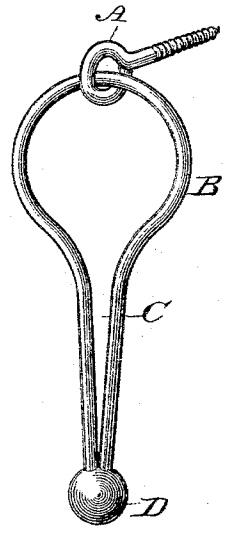
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## TOWEL HOLDER.

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## TOWEL-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL H. MURPHY, a citizen of the United States, residing in Hartford, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Towel-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in towel-holders in which the V-shaped slot operates in conjunction with the loop-ball and screw-eye; and the objects of my improvements are, first, to provide a support from which to suspend the loop; second, to afford proper facilities for adjusting the towel, and, third, to afford a secure holder for the towel. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a perspective view of the entire towel-holder.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the view.

The screw-eye A forms the support, and in its eye hangs the loop B, to which is connected the V-shaped slot C, the ends of which are held together by the ball D. While the loop B is shown in the view of a circular shape, it is evident that it is not necessary to confine it to that precise shape to enable it to answer the purpose of the present invention.

The towel-holder can be made by forming a piece of wire into the loop B and the V-shaped slot C, after which the eye-screw A can be slipped on the loop B and the ball cast on the end of the V-shaped slot C; or the whole may be cast in iron or other material all at one time; or the loops B and the V-shaped slots C can be cast in iron or other material, the screw-eye A slipped on, and the ball D then cast on, and then tumbled until bright.

I am aware that devices of wrought-iron designed for clothes-pins and other purposes have been contrived wherein a loop having converging portions terminating in a gravitating ball have been used before my invention; hence I broadly disclaim such devices.

My invention is especially designed for towel-holders; and from the above description, it will be observed that the new device is provided with a gimlet-pointed or self-entering screw. It is therefore a complete attaching towel-holder, the loop affording a handle-lever for inserting the screw into wood.

What I claim as new is—

1. The improved article of manufacture consisting of a loop having converging side arms, the ends of which are fixed to a gravitating ball, in combination with an attached eyebolt, substantially as described.

2. As an improved manufacture, the loop B, the converging portions C, forming a V-shaped groove, and a weight, D, all cast entire, substantially as set forth.

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